



# National Conference on Weights and Measures

*"Back to Basics as the Stepping Stones to Our Future"*

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## ***"Back to Basics as the Stepping Stones to Our Future"***

It is an honor and privilege to invite one and all to the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Conference on Weights & Measures to be held July 9 - 13, 2006, at the Chicago Marriott located on the "Magnificent Mile" in downtown Chicago, Illinois.

The theme for this year's Annual Meeting is *"Back to Basics as the Stepping Stones to Our Future."* I chose this theme to remind us that we have accomplished many great things through this organization in the past, and that we are facing many great challenges moving forward. We need to learn from our past successes and failures so we understand how to meet our goals and the needs of our stakeholders. Our organization is made up of multi-talented and knowledgeable people. Most of our work is accomplished through the volunteer efforts of that membership. Through the partnership efforts of public, industry, and advisory members, we are capable of meeting all those needs.

The work of the Conference continues throughout the year, but our Annual Meeting is the crown jewel. The agenda for this year's meeting reflects the hard work and dedication of many of our stakeholders and partners. During this week, we will make decisions impacting equipment manufacturers, retailers and wholesalers, as well as regulatory programs.

If the 2006 Interim Meeting is any indication of what we can expect at our annual meeting, you won't want to miss our open hearings this summer. Seldom have we experienced such quality discussion of our agenda during open hearings. It is one of those basic ingredients to meeting our mission. It is an indication of our resolve to maintain excellence as the weights and measures standards development organization for the United States. I urge you to study the issues and take the opportunity to participate in the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the NCWM.

So, please join us at our Annual Meeting in Chicago. Take the opportunity to speak, listen, learn, and build relationships that will provide benefits to you and those you represent. And, don't forget to join us for this year's special event, a fabulous cruise on Lake Michigan, and take in the wonderful sights of the city. I look forward to seeing you in July.

With warmest regards,

Don Onwiler, Chairman  
National Conference on Weights and Measures